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**Laurence H. Silberman**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1935  
Education: Dartmouth 1957 AB; Harvard 1961 LLB  
Began Service: November 1, 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Affiliation:** Distinguished Visitor from the Judiciary, The Law Center,  
Georgetown University

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law Center (1987-1994);  
Adjunct Professor, New York University School of Law (1995-1996);  
Adjunct Professor, Harvard University Law School (1998); Adjunct  
Professor, Georgetown Law Center (1999-2001); Adjunct Professor,  
Georgetown Law Center (2002-2005)

**Corporate:** Executive Vice President of Strategic Planning, Legal and  
Government Affairs, Crocker National Bank (1979-1983)

**Government:** Attorney, Appellate Division, Office of the General Counsel,  
National Labor Relations Board (1967-1969); United States Solicitor,  
United States Department of Labor (1969-1970); Under Secretary of  
Labor, United States Department of Labor (1970-1973); Deputy United  
States Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1974-1975);  
United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Embassy of the United States  
(1975-1977); President's Special Envoy on ILO Affairs, Executive Office  
of the President (1976)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Moore, Silberman & Schulze (and predecessor  
firms) (1961-1967); Attorney, Steptoe & Johnson LLP (1973-1974);  
Attorney, Morrison & Foerster LLP (1978-1979); Attorney, Morrison &  
Foerster LLP (1983-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1957-1958)

**Nonprofit:** Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy  
Research (1977-1978)

**Current Memberships:** Hawaii State Bar Association

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**Stephen F. Williams**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Yale 1958 BA; Harvard 1961 JD  
Began Service: 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Professor of Law, University of Colorado (1969-1986); Visiting  
Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles (1975-1976);  
Visiting Professor of Law, University of Chicago (1979-1980); Visiting  
Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University (1983-1984)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, United States Department  
of Justice (1966-1969)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates (1962-1966)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1961-1962)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Law  
Institute; Energy Bar Association

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**Harry T. Edwards**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Cornell 1962 BS; Michigan 1965 JD  
Began Service: February 20, 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Independent

**Affiliation:** Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, New York University

**Academic:** Professor of Law, Law School, University of Michigan  
(1970-1975); Visiting Professor of Law, Program for International Legal  
Cooperation, Free University of Brussels (1974); Visiting Professor of  
Law, Harvard Law School (1975-1976); Professor of Law, Harvard  
Law School (1976-1977); Faculty Member, Institute for Educational  
Management, Harvard University (1976-1982); Professor of Law,  
Law School, University of Michigan (1977-1980); Lecturer in Law,  
Pennsylvania Law School (1981-1982); Lecturer in Law, Harvard Law  
School (1982-1988); Senior Lecturer in Law, School of Law, Duke  
University (1983-1989); Lecturer in Law, The Law Center, Georgetown  
University (1985-1986); Lecturer in Law, Law School, University of  
Michigan (1988-1989)

**Corporate:** Member, Editorial and Advisory Board, West Publishing  
Company (1978-1980)

**Government:** Public Member, Administrative Conference of the United  
States (1976-1980); Chairman, Board of Directors, AMTRAK [National  
Railroad Passenger Corporation] (1978-1980)

**Judicial:** Neutral Arbitrator (1970-1980); Member, Judicial Conference of  
the United States (1994-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson  
(1965-1970); Chairman, Ann Arbor Model Cities Legal Services Center,  
Inc. (1971-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American Academy of Arts and Sciences;  
American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American  
Law Institute; American Society of International Law; Association of  
American Law Schools; Federal Judges Association; The Supreme Court  
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## United States District Courts

Most federal cases are initially tried and decided in the United States District Courts, the federal courts of general trial jurisdiction. There are 94 courts in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. With the exception of the territorial courts, all district court judges are appointed for life by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. In each district, the judge who has served on the court the longest and who is under 65 years of age is designated as the chief judge. The chief judge has administrative duties in addition to a caseload. Within each district, the United States Bankruptcy Court hears and decides petitions of individuals and businesses seeking relief from bankruptcy. Bankruptcy judges are appointed by the court of appeals for a term of 14 years. The judges of each district appoint one or more magistrate judges, who discharge many of the ancillary duties of the district judges. There are both full-time and part-time magistrate judge positions, and these positions are assigned to the district courts according to caseload criteria. A full-time magistrate judge serves a term of eight years; a part-time magistrate judge's term is four years.

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler,  
Chambers, Chilton, Coffee, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore,  
Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Pike,  
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**Mark E. Fuller**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: December 27, 1958  
Education: Alabama 1982 BS, 1985 JD  
Began Service: December 2, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Chief Assistant District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State  
of Alabama (1996-1997); District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of  
Alabama (1997-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1985-1986); Partner,  
Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1986-1996)

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**Myron H. Thompson**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: September 29, 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Affiliation:** Member, Chambers of Member Myron H. Thompson, Judicial  
Conference of the United States

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General,  
United States Department of Justice (1972-1974)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Thompson & Faulk (1979-1980)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Lawyers Association; Alabama State Bar  
Association; American Bar Association; National Bar Association

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**W. Keith Watkins**  
District Judge

Education: Auburn 1973 BS; Alabama 1976 JD  
Began Service: January 12, 2006  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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